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RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Response responds to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005, which included an election of species requirement, with a shorted one month period of response.

An automatic five month extension of time to respond, up to and including December 21, 2005, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Response.